

## Summary of Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program

**Purpose:** The Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program is designed:

1. to strengthen and improve the programs and activities carried out under Title V;
2. to improve coordination of services for at risk communities; and
3. to identify and provide comprehensive services to improve outcomes for families who reside in at risk communities.

**Acceptable Models:** This program requires participating States to utilize evidence-based home visiting models OR to implement and evaluate newer, as yet untested models. HHS will publish proposed evidence-related criteria for public comment through the Federal Register. To date, programs identified as evidence based by MCHB include:

1. Nurse Family Partnership
2. Parents as Teachers
3. Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters
4. Healthy Families America
5. Parent Child Home Program

**Application Process:** The acquisition of Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program funding requires three steps.

1. Submission of Application for funding – required documentation includes a plan for completing the needs assessment and a plan for developing the program. Due date July 9, 2010. NOTE: *A complete needs assessment is required of every State as a condition of receiving payment of FY 2011 Title V Block Grant funds, regardless of whether the State intends to apply for a grant to provide home visiting services*
2. Submission of the needs assessment – Due September 1, 2010
3. Submission of updated (from step 1) plan for addressing the needs identified in the assessment, and a description and justification for the proposed program design.

**Eligible Entities:** States and territories. A separate FOA for funding available to Indian Tribes, consortia of Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Urban Indian Organizations will be announced at another time.

**Available Funding:** Approximately \$90,000,000 is expected to be available in fiscal year 2010 to fund 56 grants. Funds made available to a State in FY 2010 shall be available for a 27-month budget and project period for expenditure by that State through the end of Federal FY 2012. The FY 2010 funds will be distributed to States using a formula which includes a base of \$500,000, amounts equal to existing ACF Evidence Based Home Visiting (EBHV) Program (Montana does not receive funding for this program) and an amount based on the number of children in families at or below 100% of the Federal poverty level in the State as compared to the number of such children nationally. The amount estimated to be available to Montana is \$651,999.